REQUEST For CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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First Named Inventor: Mittal, Gaurav			
Art Unit: 2618			
Examiner Name: Quochien B. Vuong			
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This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).				
	a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked				
	i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on				
	ii. Other				
	b. Enclosed				
	i. Nereliminary Amendment				
	ii.				
	iii.				
	iv. Other				
2.	<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
	a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)				
	b. Other				

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3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when
	the RCE is filed.

a.		The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit an overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.		
	i.	\boxtimes	RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)	
			(\$790.00 large entity; \$395.00 small entity)	
	ii.		Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	
	iii.		Other	
b.		Check	in the amount of \$enclosed	

Respectfully submitted,

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